GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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NARMADA DAM PROJECT
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether continuing protests and agitations against construction and raising of the height of Narmada Dam project has given rise to manifold cost over runs;

(b) if so, how far the cost of completion of the project has shot up as a result thereof; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed to its contemplated height?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The construction of the Sardar Sarovardam was affected due to the Writ Petition filed by the Narmada Bachao Andolan in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in theyear 1994 {Writ Petition (Civil) No. 319of 1994, the Judgment of which was delivered in October, 2000 only}.

(b) The original cost of construction of the Sardar Sarovar Project as approved by the Planning Commission in 1987 (at 1986-87 price level) was Rs. 6406.04 crore. The estimated cost of the Project at 1991-92 price level was Rs. 13,180.62 crore. Further revision of estimate of the Project at 1996-97/ current price level by the Government of Gujarat is under progress.

(c) After the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in October, 2000,the Narmada Control Authority finalized an Action Plan in November, 2000 to raise the height of the Sardar Sarovar dam up to +110 metre by June, 2003 and up to 138.68 metre (Full Reservoir Level) by June, 2005. The present height of the dam (Blocks 30- 46) is EL + 95.0 metre. Other blocks of the dam are at various higher levels. Further raising of the dam is in progress pari- passu with completion of the environmental safe guard measures and resettlement & rehabilitation of the project affected persons at various levels of the dam height.